

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TYSON FOODS, INC., et al.

Defendants.

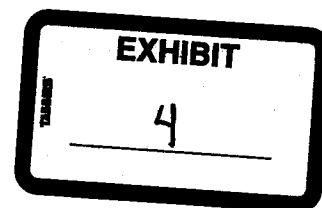
Case No: 05-CV-0329-GKF-SAJ

AFFIDAVIT OF VALERIE J. HARWOOD, Ph.D.

I, Valerie J. Harwood, Ph.D., of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, state:

1. I hold a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from Old Dominion University & Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA. Since 1998, I have been a faculty member at the University of South Florida ("USF"). My responsibilities at USF include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in microbiology, mentoring undergraduate and graduate research students, university and community service and maintaining an active research program.

2. I have been retained by the Oklahoma Attorney General as an expert witness for the Plaintiff, State of Oklahoma ("State") in the above-captioned litigation. In particular, I have been asked prepare an expert report containing my case-specific opinions and analysis concerning microbial contamination of water bodies, its possible consequences to human health and the major sources of microbial contamination in the Illinois River Watershed. Per the Court's Scheduling Order, my expert report is due to be submitted to the Defendants by May 15, 2008.



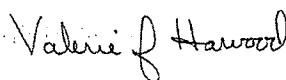
3. The spring is an extremely busy time of the academic year. Writing tests, grading papers and final exams and assigning grades all converge at this time and must be completed on schedule. This spring, I have had an unusually large classroom teaching assignment, and have had major demands on my time due to graduate student exams. Furthermore, the Department of Biology is in the process of re-configuration and I have had to spend a good deal of time on administrative concerns. These academic demands have taken me away from my work on the expert report. Indeed, due to my academic responsibilities this spring, my work on the expert report has been unavoidably delayed.

4. For the above-stated reasons, I will need at least an additional week, or seven (7) days, to complete my report.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the 12th day of May, 2008.



Valerie J. Harwood, Ph.D.
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